Out of 41 court martial cases, 35 cases are related to serious offences such as property, murder, rape and other offences of physical assault. Trial proceedings by courts martial or civil courts in such matters is an ongoing process.

(c) No amendment is contemplated as the existing law/rules are considered adequate. However, to provide a meaningful opportunity of appeal against verdicts of court martial to the officers and other ranks in courts in various parts of the country, the Government has decided to set up an Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) which would also be empowered to deal with service matters. Once the AFT and its regional benches are fully functional, it is expected to reduce the burden of the courts significantly.

Decrease in insurgency activities in Kashmir

1094. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is considerable decrease in insurgency/extremist activities in Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any demand for reduction of troop strength in Kashmir, and

(d) if so, Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Addition of multipurpose fighter aircrafts by Pakistan

†1095. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAI VORA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan is adding JF-17 multipurpose fighter aircraft in its Air Force fleet with the help of China and it shall get the above 8 aircrafts in the year, 2007 and 15 fighter aircrafts in the next year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Pakistan will make 400 JF-17 fighter aircrafts with the help of China;

(c) whether it is a fact that America also has agreed to the supply of F-16 aircrafts to Pakistan; and

(d) if so, what immediate step Government is taking for the security of the country in view of the crisis posed by Pakistan, China and Bangladesh?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.